

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claims 1, 4 and 6-40 remain in the case.

The discussion of this application with the Examiner, Mr. Zimmer, on June 12, 2003 is herewith acknowledged with appreciation. It served to materially advance the prosecution of the case by clarifying the issue. Consistent therewith, he will reconsider his objection to claim 35.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 28-30, 32 and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Chang et al.

Claims 6, 9-14, 16 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or §103(a) over Chang et al.

Claims 2, 4, 7, 8, 31, 33 and 34 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner states that Chang et al. does not teach a product distribution wherein better than 90 wt.% are trimers or higher nor does the reference teach a condensation product that has been combined with other organosilicon compounds. The claims thus have been amended to limit them to the invention of the scope as considered allowable by the Examiner.

Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and §103 thus is requested.

Further, as so also stated by the Examiner at page 3 of his action, he has every intention of rejoining the claims presently withdrawn from consideration should the composition claims be deemed allowable. Consequently, rejoinder of the nonelected claims, consistent with M.P.E.P. § 821.04, and allowance of all the claims remaining in the case is requested.

It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and which is solicited.



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